GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Diversion of 4.60 ha of forest land in Compartment No. 394 of Chevuru RF, Mocherla Beat, Kavali Range, SPSR Nellore (earlier Giddalur) Division for Road Connectivity to development of Green Field Port at Ramayapatnam in favour of CEO, A.P., Maritime Board, Kakinada – Permission Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 26 **Dated: 15-04-2025**
Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/6/2021-FCASEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dt.06.07.2023.
2)State Govt.Lr.No.1426/Section-II/2023/2139018, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 26.07.2023.
3)From the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, online Proposal No.FP/AP/ROAD/400293/2022, dated 08.01.2024.
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/6/2021-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 24.02.2025.
5)State Govt.Lr.No.1426/Sec.II/2023/2139018, dated 07.03.2025.
6)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, online proposal No.FP/AP/ROAD/400293/2022, dated 26.03.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a statutory proforma proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 4.60 ha of forest land in Compartment No. 394 of Chevuru RF, Mocherla Beat, Kavali Range, SPSR Nellore (earlier Giddalur) Division for Road Connectivity to development of Green field Port at Ramayapatnam in favour of CEO, A.P., Maritime Board, Kakinada.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, was sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for according in-principle approval under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, after obtaining certain additional information, has accorded in-principle approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and has requested to submit the compliance report on the conditions stipulated therein within the stipulated time for final approval.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval for onward submission to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for the issue of final approval for the above proposal. The same has been forwarded to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for the grant of final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, vide letter in the 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, has accorded final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 4.60 ha of forest land in Compartment No. 394 of Chevuru RF, Mocherla Beat, Kavali Range, SPSR Nellore (earlier Giddalur) Division for Road Connectivity to development of Green field Port at Ramayapatnam in favour of CEO, A.P., Maritime Board, Kakinada, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 4.60 ha of forest land in Compartment No. 394 of Chevuru RF, Mocherla Beat, Kavali Range, SPSR Nellore (earlier Giddalur) Division for Road Connectivity to development of Green field Port at Ramayapatnam in favour of CEO, A.P., Maritime Board, Kakinada, subject to the following conditions:-

1. **General Conditions:**

S.No.	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
1.2	At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
1.3	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.4	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land by the State Government.
1.5	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.6	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
1.7	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
1.8	The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
1.9	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
1.10	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
1.11	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
1.12	Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
1.13	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
1.14	The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office by the end of March every year.

1.15	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
1.16	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
1.17	The State Government shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007), before issue order for working permission and diversion as the case may be;
1.18	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions made in the Rules/guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

2. Standard conditions - NA

3. Specific conditions:

S.No.	Conditions
3.1	CA shall be raised in the identified non-forest land in Sy.No.633 of Chundi Village, Voletivaripalem(M) and at least 1000 plants per ha shall be planted over the identified non- forest land. If it is not possible to plant so many saplings in the area identified for CA, the balance sapling will be planted in the degraded forest identified for the purpose, i.e., Compt.No.430 of Bodawada RF & Compt No.410 of Mogilicherla (N) RF of Kanigiri Range.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

Copy to:

1.The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, 4th Floor, Block No.3, CGO Complex, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Inspector General of Forests,
ROHQ, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003.
3. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.
4.The CEO, A.P., Maritime Board, P.B.No.11, Port Administrative
Building, Kakinada.
5. SC/SF

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER